

Town Manager's Report - Week of: 9/15/2017



- I would like to welcome Clint Beveridge who has been hired as Camden's new full time Firefighter and congratulate him on being hired for this position. Clint has been a Firefighter in the call division for Rockport Fire for over two years. He has been employed at Fisher Engineering since 2004 where he worked his way through a number of positions.

Early this summer he completed the Knox County Fire Training Academy Firefighter I & II program. He participated in the program with Firefighters from around Knox County including 4 Camden Firefighters. During the program he was teamed with Camden Firefighter Taylor Benzie. Firefighter Benzie has remarked that he could not have had a more reliable, helpful partner to work with throughout the program. Clint will continue his Firefighter education in the coming months while working with the Department.

Clint was selected for this role from a large group of highly qualified applicants. I would like to thank Chief Farley for doing such a great job recruiting Clint; we both agree that Clint's local knowledge, enthusiasm and work ethic will be an asset to the Fire Department as well as the Midcoast area.

- I've been updated by Chris Backman from RHR Smith & Company (the Town's Auditors) that they are anticipating the cash reconciliations of the Town's checking accounts to be completed by the end of next week (9/22/17). Once this work has been finished RHR Smith will debrief Jodi Hanson, Marlene Libby and myself on their findings and make recommendations for how we can restructure the manner in which we do cash reconciliations, as well as streamlining how we structure our checking accounts. RHR Smith is also anticipating they will begin the audit in early October. This cannot commence until the reconciliations of our checking accounts have been completed.
- I'm working with Gartley & Dorsky and MDOT to complete the project to build a sidewalk on Washington Street from Matthew John Avenue to Shirttail Point, which began in 2010. This project will be funded 80% by MDOT and 20% by the Town. There are a number of Right of Way issues that delayed this project. Gartley & Dorsky will complete the final design and MDOT will finalize negotiations on right of way agreements and acquisitions. We are hoping the final design and right of way work can be complete in time for this project to make it into the 2018 construction season.
- I'd like to thank the Planning Board for inviting me to a workshop to discuss their work plan priorities. We had a very productive discussion and I believe there is a lot of overlap between what the Planning Board has identified as important, the Select Board goals and issues identified to me by town staff. I'm hoping to regularly follow up with the planning board in order to

progress the items on their work plan and coordinate their work with that being done by the Select Board and other Committees.

- Tom Resek organized a meeting between stakeholders involved in redeveloping the Tannery and me. We all agreed there seems to be no shared understanding or agreement on issues like what needs to be done to remediate the site in order to be redeveloped as an active recreational area, or if the Town has given formal approval for this site to be redeveloped in accordance with the recommendations of the Tannery Work Group. Therefore, we decided the best way to move forward with the redevelopment of the Tannery is to have a Select Board workshop with Nick Hodgkins from DEP, Steve Dyer from Ransom Consulting, Bill Najpauer from MCEDD and other community stakeholders with the goal of resolving questions around site remediation and gain a shared agreement on what must be done to move forward.
- As requested by the Select Board on the issue of food vendors at Town sanctioned events, Bill Kelly developed a Vendor License and Exhibitor License for the Toboggan National Championships that we have modified for use at all other Town sanctioned events. I have attached copies of these licenses. The license makes it clear that the agreement is limited to only this particular event.

On the broader issue of food vendors (particularly mobile vendors) at the Snow Bowl and on town property outside of events, I have started the discussion with town staff and the Planning Board on developing recommendations on possible changes to zoning or the potential of developing other policies. I am also going to ask the Four Seasons and Parks and Rec Committees to make recommendations on policy around this topic as well. Once we have a better sense of what a workable solution may look like I will bring it forward to the Select Board to discuss.

- There has been a lot of activity with Connect Camden, formerly known as the Camden Downtown Network Board over the past few months. Attached is an update on Connect Camden and the activity of all its subcommittees that was prepared by the Community Development Director, Karen Brace.